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SUBJ: SHIPPING CONTAINER FOR COBALT 60 SOURCE

GUATEMALA FOR GEORGEWNE

1. AS PART OF U.S. IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS TO IAEA'S 1973
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, U.S. PROVIDED COBAO 60
SOURCE TO INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE ENERGIA NUCLEAR, WHICH WAS
SHIPPED FROM HARWELL, UK TO GUATEMALA IN SEPTEMBER 1974.
SHIPPING CONTAINER WAS TO BE RETURNED WITHIN TWENTY WEEKS
FROM SHIPMENT FROM HARWELL. OTHERWISE, FIRM FROM WHICH
SOURCE PURCHASED WOULD CHARGE ADDITIONAL RENTAL FEE OF
\$77.55 PER WEEK UNTIL CONTAINER IS RETURNED TO HARWELL.

2. IAEA (THROUGH UNDP RESREP IN GUATEMALA) AND SHIPPER HAVE
BEEN TRYING UNSECEESSFULLY SINCE JANUARY OF THIS YEAR TO GET
GUATEMALA AUTHORITIES CONCERNED TO ARRANGE FOR PROMPT RETURN
OF SHIPPING CONTAINER, SINCE RENTAL FEE CONTINUES TO MOUNT,
AND WE ARE CONCERNED THAT U.S. MIGHT ULTIMATELY GET STUCK WITH
THE BILL, EVEN THOUGH IAEA HAS MADE CLEAR TO GUATEMALANS
THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE EXCESS CHARGES,
WHICH NOW EXCEED \$1,600.

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3. WE UNDERSTAND CONTAINER IS NOW HELD UP IN GUATEMALAN

CUSTOMS, PENDING PAYMENT OF SOME SORT OF FEE, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE TO DETERMINE
NATURE OF FEE, EXACT LOCATION OF CONTAINER, AND WHAT
NEEDS TO BE DONE TO GET IT SHIPPED BACK TO HARWELL.
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